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LETTER DATED 30 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF VIET NAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to request you kindly to circulate as a document of the Security Council, a letter dated 30 December 1992, addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Manh Cam, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, concerning the recent acts of terrorism and barbarous massacre against Vietnamese residents in Cambodia (see annex).

(Signed) TRINH XUAN LANG
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 30 December 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam addressed to the Secretary-General

With deep concern, I send you this letter regarding Democratic Kampuchea's repeated acts of terrorism and barbarous massacre against Vietnamese who are living legally in Cambodia.

As you have been aware, at 2130 hours on 27 December 1992, a group of soldiers of Democratic Kampuchea attacked a fishing village along the Tonle Sap River in Kom Pong Tralach district, Kom Pong Chnang province, in search of Vietnamese so as to murder them. There, they killed 14 people, including 12 Vietnamese, and injured 14 others. On 29 December 1992, Mr. Eric Berman, Deputy spokesman of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), reaffirmed that Democratic Kampuchea's forces were responsible for the above-mentioned massacre.

These acts by Democratic Kampuchea constitute a new massacre in a series of its acts of terrorism and massacre against Vietnamese in the recent period, especially since July 1992. These barbarous massacres against Vietnamese residents in Cambodia by Democratic Kampuchea's forces are a challenge to mankind's conscience and international public opinion.

These barbarous acts are in serious violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other related international documents, including the right to security of person provided for in article 5 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the right of minority communities to safety and protection. These acts are also in extreme flagrant violation of the Paris Agreement on Cambodia and its relevant annexes.

The Democratic Kampuchea faction's violation of human rights and its obstinate refusal to enter the second phase of the cease-fire in Cambodia have placed the political settlement of the Cambodia problem in very critical danger, challenging the international community and jeopardizing peace and stability in South-East Asia.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam strongly condemns these barbarous acts of terrorism committed by the Democratic Kampuchea faction against innocent Vietnamese residents in Cambodia. The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam requests the United Nations, UNTAC, the two Co-Chairmen of the International Conference on Cambodia, the signatories to the Paris Agreement on Cambodia, as well as the Supreme National Council of Cambodia and the international community to take resolute measures so as to put an immediate end to these bloody acts by the Democratic Kampuchea faction.

I am confident that, with your authority and responsibility, you will take urgent and strong steps so as to put an end to the serious violation of human rights being committed by Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodia and compel it to implement the Paris Agreement on Cambodia.

(Signed) NGUYEN MANH CAM
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam